

Changes to Good Backpack Program

At this time the Directors of both United Way of Quinte, and The Hastings and Prince Edward Learning Foundation (The HPELF), would like to announce that the Good Backpack program has moved from the United Way of Quinte to The HPELF. The intention of the Good Backpack Program is to provide support to families who are unable to financially meet their child's back to school needs and therefore their child would do without.

In transitioning to The HPELF and becoming part of the Student Emergency Fund, backpacks will be provided through quiet, confidential application made on behalf of students by school staff. There will no longer be community registrations for families to sign up for backpacks. Backpacks will be requested for students identified by school staff as needing support, and who otherwise wouldn't have access to a backpack. Families are encouraged to speak to school personnel if they feel they are financially unable to meet their child's back to school needs

Backpacks will be available to students in publically funded schools in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties and the surrounding area and will be distributed the first week back to school.

For further information please feel free to contact The Hastings & Prince Edward Learning Foundation at 613-966-1170 ext. 2205